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SUBJ: CARIBBEAN COMMON MARKET'S COMMON EXTERNAL TARIFF

1. A CARIBBEAN COMMON MARKET (CCM) CAME INTO FORCE ON AUGUST 1, 1973, REPLACING THE CARIBBEAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION (CARIFTA) AGREEMENT. PARTIES TO THE CCM AGREEMENT ARE BARBADOS, GUYANA, JAMAICA AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. SEVERAL "LESSER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES" - ANTIGUA, ST. CHRISTOPHER/NEVIS, ANGUILLA, BELIZE (FORMERLY UNCLASSIFIED

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BRITISH HONDURAS), MONTserrat, COMINION, GRENADA, ST.

LUCIA AND ST. VINCENT --HAVE BEEN INVITED TO JOIN MAY 1, 1974.

2. AS BARBADOS, GUYANA, JAMAICA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ARE MEMBERS OF GATT, MISSION REQUESTED ASCERTAIN IF THE CARIBBEAN COMMON MARKET AS A UNIT, OR COUNTRIES THEMSELVES, HAVE NOTIFIED CONTRACTING PARTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH GATT ARTICLE XXIV OF THEIR NEW COMMON EXTERNAL TARIFF (CET) WHICH BECAME EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 1973. WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT FOR CCM TO CONFORM TO GATT RULES AND PROCEDURES RE FORMATION OF CUSTOMS UNION IF THIS NOT ALREADY DONE.

3. FYI. WE HAVE NOT YET COMPLETED ANALYSIS OF GATT BINDINGS BY CONTRACTING PARTIES AND THEIR RELATION TO CET BUT HAVE FOUND IN PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF CONCESSIONS SEVERAL IMPORTANT U.S. EXPORT ITEMS WHERE BINDINGS BREACHED DUE TO CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE. END FYI. KISSINGER

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